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Mother's Day, May 10th. A special service at 10:30. Don't forget to wear a **white carnation**.

The old-fashioned "singin' skeul," Thursday evening, May 28th. The whole town is invited. Come early and get your seat.

Thirty-first anniversary of Grace Church on Pentecost, May 31st.

The Woman's Aid Society will have its monthly meeting Thursday afternoon, May 14, in the lecture room of the church.

A 25th anniversary banquet is being arranged for by the Missionary Society. A committee composed of Mrs. C. H. Gumpper, Mrs. Frank Leikauf, Mrs. Ed Close, Mrs. Wm. Straub and Miss Libbie Felker, have the matter in charge.

Mrs. Fred Shearer will have the next "social afternoon" at her home, 6 miles south of the city. If you have never been to Mrs. Shearer's house you want to embrace this opportunity, for no one ever goes there and comes away disappointed. Everybody is invited.

The Missionary Society of St. Joseph Classes will convene in annual session on the 6th day of May at Goshen, Ind. A number of delegates will be in attendance from Grace Reformed Church. The pastor and Mrs. Zartman, Mrs. Frank Leikauf, treasurer of the society, and Mrs. Chas. Gumpper.

The social given by the 2nd section was a success, especially from the "eat-in" standpoint."

The every member canvass has not yet been completed, but we hope all the families may soon be visited. So far the canvass has been very satisfactory. We are sure the people will respond cheerfully and liberally if the matter is properly presented to them.

The man whose heart is right with God is only too willing to pay what he owes to the Lord. The true Christian is always a faithful steward and deals justly with God and with his fellow-men.

Every class in the Sunday school should have a Missionary envelope and use it every Sunday. Gather up the pennies and nickels. Every gift, though small, has a two-fold significance. It helps the cause and helps the giver. Children should form the habit of liberal giving. Some people will never experience the joy of giving, for they really never give.

THE OLD-FASHIONED SINGING SCHOOL.

The young people of the church, under the direction of Mrs. Zartman, will give an entertainment, entitled, "The Old-Fashioned Singing School." This entertainment is unique in its setting. It is a graphic portrayal of the village or country singing school as it was conducted fifty and more years ago. The costumes will represent those worn during those years. Mr. Edward Chase will take the part of the singing teacher, Prof. Pippin. This announcement in itself should be enough to bring out a crowd. The part of Homer Gains, the secretary, will be taken by William Straub; Squire Grumps, by Earl Dinger;; Mrs. Amanda Squegee, by Nora Miner; Effa Vescent, Ruth Gumpper; Vera Swift, Anna Heyman; Sophy Cushing, Adah Gumpper; Eva Green, Edith Shiffer; Ima Kidd, Evelyn Wentman; Una Kidd, Ruth More; Ann Sowfourth, Esther Fritz; Phyllis Tate, Elsie Meriat Miss Every Ketcham, Mrs. H. F. Mott, Mrs. Samanthy Smilax,

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Helen Trish; Justin Stile, Howard Gunpper; Hi Watins, Evan Williams; Timothy Hay, Walter Close; Welland Strong, Derrel Copenhagen; Al Falfer, Ernest Baumgartner; Criss Cross, Ralph Seibolt; Cy Furn, Ernest Close; Cal Amity, A. Jones; Deacon Jones, Oscar Snook, Sara Screecher, Julia Bericot; Faith Ann Works, Hazel Gooley; Jerusha Jane Wire, Elsie Kranz.

Polly Pounder, in the person of Beatrice Baker, will manipulate the piano. If you want an evening of good, wholesome fun do not fail to be at the Grace Reformed Church on the evening of May 28, you will not be disappointed.

It will take some of the wrinkles out of your face to have a good laugh, especially when there is an innocent joke back of it, perpetuated by a crowd of innocent girls and boys. You will also be giving your money for a good cause, 25 cents will be the admission charged, not a cent more or less. Anyone selling ten tickets will be entitled to one free one. Why not sell fifty and get enough free tickets to bring in five people. The young people deserve your encouragement and your co-operation. This you can give them by your presence, rain or shine.

THE EASTER SERVICES.

Easter Sunday was in every way an ideal day—a day of calm and beautiful sunshine. The weather itself was an incentive for the people to get out to the services, and we had a very large attendance, and had a day of inspiration and blessing. The services during Easter week were well attended. Rev. J. P. Potts preached for us on Tuesday evening, Rev. H. B. Diefenbach, of Bluffton, on Wednesday evening; Rev. A. R. Evans on Thursday evening. The pastor preached Monday and Friday evenings. We are under special obligations to the brethren who assisted us during the week. We thank them again for the splendid sermons they gave us.

The attendance at the Sabbath school on Easter morning was the largest we have had for a number of years. The program given by the school was enjoyed by all present. The offering by the school for benevolence was \$27.17. The Easter music rendered by the choir was greatly appreciated and enjoyed by the congregation. There were eighteen accessions to the church at the morning service. The special offering for apportionment was nearly \$50.00.

The following persons were received into the Church: By confirmation: Vera Cessler, Agnes Riley, May Siebold, Esther Fredrick, Oscar Riley, Walter Riley, Charles Diedrick, Mrs. Martha Diedrick, Miss Gladys Martin, Mrs. Anna Baker, Miss Beatrice Baker. By baptism and confession: Mr. C. E. Baker, Clarence Aiken, Mrs. Margaret Schwartz. By renewal of confession: Mr. Henry Schmidt and Mrs. Bertha Appleget. By letter: Mrs. J. W. Shiffer and Miss Edith Shiffer. We are very happy to welcome these friends into the Church. We know they will feel at home with us and will find congenial fellowship.

The Whatsoever Committee of the Young People's Society had charge of the Easter decorations. The grouping of ferns and flowers about the pulpit added much to the charm and beauty of the service.

GONE TO REST.

Friday, April 10, the pastor went to Pleasant Lake, Ind., to preach the funeral of Mr. John J. Zurbrugg, who died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. James Elliot, who resides in the little village on the lake. Mr. Zurbrugg was born in Switzerland, June 12, 1834. When two years of age he came with his parents to America. The family settled in Stark county, Ohio. He was baptized in his infancy and early in life was confirmed in the Reformed Church. He was married to Miss Eliza Clemens, Jan. 31, 1867, by Rev. H. J. Ruetnik, D. D. He was for many years a citizen of Steuben county, Ind., and

was a member of the Reformed Church at Hudson, Ind. He was an industrious man, a good citizen and a devoted servant of the Lord. One daughter, Mrs. Elliot, of Pleasant Lake, and two sons, Edward and William, of Ashley, Ind., survive the father.

Arthur Goba died at the home of his sister, Mrs. Gardner, on Francis St., April 16. He was born May 28, 1885. He was aged 28 years, 11 months and 12 days. The bereaved parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Goba, five sisters and three brothers mourn his death. The sisters are Dr. Bertha Goba, Mrs. Mary Foster, Mrs. Rena Gardner, Miss Rosa and Ada Goba, the brothers, Albert, Lewis and Charles Goba, all of whom reside in Fort Wayne.

Arthur was a beloved son and brother. He died with full faith in his Savior, having made complete confession and being baptized in the Christian faith. He has been a patient sufferer, contracting an incurable disease over a year ago, but never complaining and even smiling when in pain, and his patience through these long weeks and months has proven to his family one of great virtue.

“We would not call back the dear departed,
Anchored safe where storms are o'er,
On the border land we leave him,
Soon to meet and part no more.”

The funeral services were held on Sabbath afternoon, April 19, and were conducted by Rev. G. F. Byrer and the pastor. Mrs. Dr. McBeth and Rev. A. R. Evans, of the Westminster Church, sang at the services. The services were held at the St. Joe Chapel, four miles north of the city, and the burial was in the cemetery adjoining the church.

Mrs. Lewis Goba died at the family residence on the Huntington road, west of the city, Saturday night, April 25, after an illness of only one week. She was born on the 15th day of November,

1852, and was aged 61 years, 5 months and 10 days. She was a native of Switzerland, coming to this country with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Heche, when 13 years of age. They settled in Fort Wayne, spending all her time in and around Allen county. In 1870, Lena as she was known, was married to Mr. Lewis Goba, and to this union there were born 13 children, five of whom have preceded her to their heavenly home. The husband, eight children, three sons and four daughters, survive the mother, all of whom reside in Fort Wayne. A little over a week ago Mrs. Goba laid to rest her son, Arthur. She had not been well during the winter and the shock and the exposure was too much for her. She contracted a heavy cold at this time, which resulted in her death. She was a devoted wife and mother. In her native country she was a member of the Reformed Church and was married in that church in this city. They have lived a number of years in Whitley county and not being near her church, she, with her husband, were members of the Bethel Church of God. Her death is mourned by a large circle of friends and neighbors. But we know she has gone to be with Him who doeth all things well. And while these shadows seem more than we can bear, we are satisfied that:

“When the mists have risen above us
As our Father knows his own,
Face to wace with those who love us,
We shall know as we are known.
Lo, beyond the orient meadows,
Floats the golden fringe of day;
Heart to hear we bide the shadows,
Till the mists have cleared away.”

The funeral services were held on Tuesday afternoon, April 28, and were in charge of Rev. G. F. Byrer and the pastor. Mrs. Dr. McBeth and Mr. and Mrs. Nipper furnished the music. The services were held at the Chapel where the funeral services of the son were held a little more than a week previous

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and the body was laid by the side of the son. This was a very sad service. These friends have our sympathy in their great sorrow. Dr. Bertha Goba and Miss Rose have been members of Grace Church for many years and the family is well known to many of our people. May the Lord comfort and sustain these friends in their trials and sorrow.

Mrs. Geo. Shiffer and little son spent a few days recently at Bluffton, guests of Miss Edna Bender.

Mr. and Mrs. Gumper and family will soon go to their summer home, at Lake Wawasee. We shall greatly miss them from our services.

The women of the Church were entertained at the home of Mrs. J. W. Brewer on Thursday afternoon, April 30. The women had a very pleasant afternoon together.

Miss Musselman, who is teacher of music at the school for feeble-minded children, sang for us at the services on Easter Sunday evening. She has a very charming voice and we were very glad to have her sing for us. She has recently come to the school from eastern Pennsylvania. She is a member of the Reformed Church, and feels quite at home with us in our services. She is a very pleasant and congenial young lady.

The pastor was asked recently to come to the St. Joe hospital to see Mrs. B. F. Thomas, who has been at the hospital for three months and has just had a third operation. The indications are that she will now get along all right. The family lives at 441 Madison street.

The future has much in store for all of us if we will only take care of today, for upon it depends whether tomorrow shall be dark or fair.

"AGENDA CORNER."

The "Agenda Corner," as the Agenda Class has decided to call the space allotted to it in the Visitor, is an entirely new department in the Church paper. Each month this little section is going to tell all the things the class is doing, or is attempting to do. It may also contain hints for other classes and organizations. It is, at any rate, going to be a real newsy section and one worth reading for all Sunday school people. Be on the lookout for it.

The Agenda Class has been in existence for almost a year. What we have done is an old story, but what we are going to do is a new one. Our last few business meetings have been long and full of heated argument, yet everybody declares them exceedingly interesting. The last session was held at Shiffer's on April 16. Only ten of the class turned out, but what we lacked in numbers we fully made up in spirit. An abrupt adjournment finally put an end to the arguing. All that we decided was to hold a social evening in the lecture room April 23, and to adopt "Bring Him with You" as the class motto. The social good time was held as per schedule and I guess everyone of the thirty or more who came enjoyed themselves. There were games of all kinds, music, singing and eats. We really ought to have another soon. Never mind, its coming and in a different form. Leave it to the social committee. The devotional committee is planning something new in the way of Sunday morning lessons. The teacher is to lead only every other Sunday and at all other times one of the members of the class leads. The committee expects this to help the boys a great deal more than the usual method. The athletic committee is planning to rent a tennis court for the summer. The membership committee is out to spring something new. Can't tell you what it is for it is a strict secret. The sick committee has been

doing its work faithfully. They will visit any young man who they hear is sick. Mr. Aiken is chairman and Mr. Holtzman and Mr. King are his aides. The May business meeting, to be held at Mr. Gumpper's, 1209 W. Washington street, will see new officers elected. They will, however, not take control until the new business of the June meeting. Who they will be is, of course, the big question, but why worry, they will be workers. We hope to announce in the next issue of the Visitor that the Young Men's Bible Classes of the city have organized themselves into a union, much like that of the Associated Christian Workers. The object of the union is to get everybody in the city, "young or old," interested in a Y. M. C. A. building. We are glad to say that the Agenda Class is one of the leaders in this movement. Watch for details in the daily papers. Now don't forget the "Singin' School." Boost for it. This is all. See you next month.

THE SICK.

Mrs. William Foster is out of the hospital and is almost well again.

Mrs. Susan Smith has been quite sick, but is very much better.

Mrs. C. F. Close has been out to the services for past several Sabbaths. We hope she will continue to improve.

Mr. Gavin is some better but has not been able to come to the services.

Mrs. Rachel Wells is quite feeble, but happy and contented. She will celebrate her 88th birthday Sept. 10.

Mrs. John Ruck has been suffering all winter with a sore foot, and has scarcely been able to get away from the house.

Mrs. Burtis Weaver has gone to the country home of her parents, near Decatur, for the summer. She has been in failing health for some months past, and the doctor advised her to go to the country, where she might have the benefit of pure country air. We hope the change may prove very beneficial to her.

C. E. TOPICS AND LEADERS.

May 3—Twelve Great Verses. V. The Faith Verse, Heb. 11:1. Evelyn Wertman.

May 10—Health Hints for Better Living. 1 Cor. 6:19-20. Helen Trisch.

May 17—What is a Christian Life? Jas. 1:19-27. Geo. Shiffer.

May 24—Christian Meaning of Recent Events. Ps. 11:1-7. Hazel Gooley.

May 31—Converted Purses. Mal. 3:7-12. Mrs. A. K. Zartman.

June 7—Twelve Great Verses. VI. The Purity Verse. Matt. 5:8. Mrs. Geo. Shiffer.

June 14—How Employers and Employees Should Work Together. Col. 3:22-15; 4:1. Evan Williams.

June 21—Chief Seats, and How to Reach Them. Luke 14:7-11. Nora Miner.

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June 28—Civic Reforms that Endeavorers Should Promote. Isa. 1:10-20. Prayer Meeting Com.

July 5—Twelve Great Verses. VII. The Friendship Verse. Prov. 27:9. Ruth Siebold.

July 12—The Christian Ministry of Music. Js. 150:1-6. Arthur Weiler.

July 19—Faithful in Little Things. Lunke 16:10-13. Lulu Bitner.

July 26—Good News From the Mission Field. Ps. 66:1-8. Bertha Weickart.

Walter Riley was taken to the St. Joseph hospital for an operation the week before Easter. He came through the operation splendidly and is at home now and getting along all right. He was a member of the Catechetical Class that was confirmed on Easter Sunday. The pastor went to the hospital and received him into the Church.

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